

Rector's Note

9.24.26

Note: Stay alert. I will never send an email or text asking for vague "help." I will never ask you to buy gift cards. Always check the address or number. If the message is not from mbarber@stmartinec.org (REAL Rector Mary Barber) or 845-527-9545, it is not me. Block and report.

Other than the rash of fake messages from "me," St Martins' year is off to a good start. Vestry approved the Capital Campaign team's choice of a consultant, Seanna Crosley of [Rowse Consulting](#). She has worked with the Michael J Fox Foundation and most recently on the World Cup soccer event in Philly.

This is the next important step in moving forward on the capital project. This project will include:

- A/C and new heating for the sanctuary
- Stair and lift access from the church entry (narthex) to the sanctuary and undercroft
- Building out the undercroft to be usable for Sunday school and other groups, including new bathrooms
- Restoration and updating of the Parish Hall, including A/C
- Restoration of the first floor bathroom in the parish house

We have spoken of the project at Adult Forums and Ask the Rector meetings, and there will be more opportunities coming up to hear about and give input to the project as we move forward.

This Sunday is Luke's last Sunday with us. It is a sad moment for us as a community, and also a good and holy moment. I know Luke will continue to do great things for the Church and for the people they serve. And I know that this St Martin's community will do what we always do, and wrap Luke in love and prayer this Sunday as we send them off to their next call. Please come to Sunday worship, donate to the cash gift, sign a card, and celebrate all that Luke has meant to St Martin's in these past two years!

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